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Governor

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

EXECUTIVE ORDER 95-16

I, Frank Keating, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Article VI, Section 1, hereby order the establishment of a state entity to coordinate the needs of and services available for the many deaf and hearing impaired citizens of this State.

The entity created by this Executive Order shall be designated the Oklahoma Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired. I, as Governor, shall appoint not less than five persons who have a knowledge and understanding either professionally or personally of the problems of deaf and hearing impaired persons to serve on the Commission. The Commission shall elect such officers as it deems necessary and implement such rules as are needed to accomplish the duties imposed by this Executive Order.

I further order that the powers and duties of this Oklahoma Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired shall include but not be limited to:

1. The promotion of coordinating efforts and services on behalf of the deaf and hearing impaired.
2. The compilation of an inventory of the various services available for meeting the problems of the deaf and hearing impaired.
3. Assisting the deaf or hearing impaired in locating and securing services available.
4. Collect studies, compile bibliographies, gather information, and conduct research with respect to the causes, diagnosis, treatment, and methods of prevention of impaired hearing.

5. Assemble information and make it available to all interested parties for the purpose of assisting in the education, training, counseling, placement, and social and economic adjustment of the deaf and hearing impaired.

6. Keep informed of federal, state and local programs available for the improvement of the general welfare of deaf and hearing impaired persons.

7. Cooperate with any federal, state, or local entity in providing programs which will help improve the general welfare of deaf and hearing impaired persons.

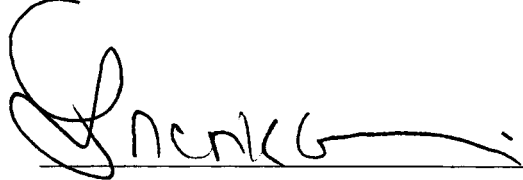
8. Appoint advisory or special committees when appropriate for in-depth investigations and study of particular problems of the deaf and hearing impaired and to receive the reports of findings and recommendations of such committees.

9. Make recommendations to the appropriate governmental bodies or agencies with respect to modification in existing services or establishment of additional services for deaf or hearing impaired persons.

In addition, I also order that all state agencies, boards, and commissions cooperate with the Oklahoma Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired in carrying out the duties and functions set out in this Executive Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, this 2nd day of May, 1995.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank", is written over a horizontal line.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela Warren", is written over a horizontal line.
SECRETARY OF STATE